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**AMRIT BHARAT EXPRESS TRAIN FOR CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN PUNE AND
KONKAN REGION**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any request or demand for introduction of a daily Amrit Bharat Express between Pune and the Konkan region to improve connectivity and facilitate passengers;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop Sawantwadi Terminus and include the project under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to strengthen railway infrastructure and connectivity in the Konkan region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (d) Proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for introduction of trains including Amrit Bharat Express services are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/ requests/ suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.

As the railway network straddles across regional boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, at present, Pune-Madgaon sector is served by following 03 pairs of train services, serving various stations located in the Konkan region:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	11097/11098 Pune-Ernakulam Poorna Express
2	12779/12780 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Vasco-da-Gama Goa Express
3	22149/22150 Pune-Ernakulam Express

As on 23.03.2026, the following 60 Amrit Bharat Express services are being operated on the Indian Railways network:-

SN	Train No. & Name
1	11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express
2	13697/13698 Gaya - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
3	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
4	15557/15558 Darbhanga - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
5	15561/15562 Darbhanga - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
6	15567/15568 Bapudham Motihari - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
7	22361/22362 Rajendranagar (T) - New Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
8	13433/13434 SMVT Bengaluru - Malda Town Amrit Bharat Express
9	13435/13436 Malda Town - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
10	15133/15134 Chhapra - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
11	14047/14048 Sitamarhi - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
12	14627/14628 Saharsa - Chheharta Amrit Bharat Express
13	19623/19624 Madar - Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
14	16601/16602 Erode - Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express
15	19021/19022 Udhna - Brahmapur Amrit Bharat Express
16	15671/15672 Kamakhya - Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express
17	20609/20610 New Jalpaiguri - Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express
18	16597/16598 SMVT Bengaluru - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
19	11031/11032 Panvel - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
20	16107/16108 Tambaram - Santragachi Amrit Bharat Express
21	13065/13066 Howrah - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
22	22587/22588 Sealdah - Banaras Amrit Bharat Express
23	20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
24	15949/15950 Dibrugarh - Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
25	16121/16122 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express
26	16329/16330 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Amrit Bharat Express
27	17041/17042 Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North Amrit Bharat Express

28	16619/16620 Podanur-Dhanbad Amrit Bharat Express
29	16357/16358 Nagercoil-Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
30	15673/15674 Charlapalli - Kamakhya Amrit Bharat Express

Besides, introduction of train services including Amrit Bharat Express services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include:

- Capacity of that section
- Availability of path
- Availability of required rolling stock
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets

Amrit Bharat Stations:

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning includes:

- Improvement of access to station and circulating areas
- Integration of station with both sides of city
- Improvement of station building
- Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths
- Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic
- Provision of lift/escalators/ramp
- Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’
- Parking areas, Multimodal integration
- Amenities for Divyangjans
- Better passenger information systems
- Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1338 stations have been identified for development under this scheme. Names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Maharashtra	132	Ahmednagar, Ajni (Nagpur), Akalkot Road, Akola, Akurdi, Amalner, Amgaon, Amravati, Andheri, Badnera, Balharshah, Bandra Terminus, Baramati, Belapur, Bhandara Road, Bhokar, Bhusawal, Borivali, Byculla, Chalisgaon, Chanda Fort, Chandrapur, Charni Road, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Chinchpokli, Chinchwad, Dadar (CR), Dadar (WR), Dahisar, Daund, Dehu Road, Devlali, Dhamangaon, Dharangaon, Dharashiv, Dharmabad, Dhule, Diva, Dudhani, Gangakher, Godhani, Gondia, Grant Road, Hadapsar, Hatkanangale, Hazur Sahib Nanded, Himayatnagar, Hinganghat, Hingoli Deccan, Igatpuri, Jalgaon, Jalna, Jeur, Jogeshwari, Kalyan Jn, Kamptee, Kandivali, Kanjur Marg, Karad, Katol, Kedgaon, Kinwat, Kopargaon, Kurduwadi Jn, Kurla Jn, Lasalgaon, Latur, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Lonand Jn, Lonavla, Lower Parel, Malad, Malkapur, Manmad Jn, Manwath Road , Marine Lines, Matunga, Miraj Jn, Mudkhed Jn, Mumbai Central, Mumbra, Murtizapur Jn, Nagarsol, Nagpur Jn, Nandgaon, Nandura, Nandurbar, Narkher Jn, Nashik Road, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Pachora Jn, Palghar, Pandharpur, Panvel Jn, Parbhani Jn, Parel, Parli Vaijnath, Partur, Phaltan, Prabhadevi, Pulgaon Jn, Pune Jn, Purna Jn, Raver, Rotegaon, Sainagar Shirdi, Sandhurst Road, Sangli, Satara, Savda, Selu, Sewagram, Shahad, Shegaon, Shivaji Nagar Pune, Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus Kolhapur, Solapur, Talegaon, Thakurli, Thane, Titvala, Tumsar Road, Umri, Uruli, Vadala Road, Vidyavihar, Vikhroli, Wadsa, Wardha, Washim, Wathar
Goa	3	Madgaon, Sanvordem, Vasco-da-gama
Karnataka	61	Almatti, Alnavar, Arsikere Junction, Badami, Bagalkot, Ballary, Bangalore Cantt., Bangarpet, Bantawala, Belagavi, Bidar, Chamaraja Nagar, Channapatna, Channasandra, Chikkamagaluru, Chikodi Road, Chitradurga, Davangere, Dharwad, Dodballapur, Gadag, Gangapur Road, Gangavathi, Ghataprabha, Gokak Road, Gubbi, Harihar, Hassan, Hosapete, Kalaburagi Jn., Kengeri, Koppal, Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru Station), Krishnarajapuram, Malleswaram, Malur, Mandya, Mangalore Central, Mangalore Jn, Munirabad, Mysuru Jn (Mysore),

		Raichur Jn, Ramanagaram, Ranibennur, Raybag, Sagar Jambagaru, Sakleshpur, Shahabad, Shivamogga Town, Shravanabelgola, Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Jn, Subramanya Road, Talguppa, Tiptur, Tumakuru, Udupi, Vijayapura, Wadi, Whitefield, Yadgir, Yesvantpur
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Completed Stations:

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra have been taken up at a good pace. The details of stations completed in Karnataka and Maharashtra are as given below:

State	No. of Stations	Names of Stations
Maharashtra	17	Amgaon, Baramati, Chanda Fort, Chinchpokli, Devlali, Dhule, Kedgaon, Lasalgaon, Lonand Jn, Matunga, Murtizapur Jn, Nandura, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Parel, Savda, Shahad, Vadala Road
Karnataka	9	Alnavar, Badami, Bagalkot, Bantawala, Dharwad, Gadag, Gokak Road, Koppal, Munirabad

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

Goa:

- **Sanvordem station:** The works of improvement of station building, platform shelter, platform wall, lift, lighting and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Vasco-da-Gama station:** The structural work of ground floor of block A has been completed and first floor have been taken up. The Structural work of foundation of block B has been completed and ground floor has been taken up. The work of relocation of existing structures has been taken up.

Karnataka:

- **Bangalore Cantonment station:** The works of diversion road on South side, training centre, hostel on North side and electric substation building have been completed. The works of South side station building, North side station building, circulating area and Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Chamaraja Nagar station:** The works of improvement of station building, entrance porch, platform shelter, platform surfacing, waiting hall, booking counter, circulating area and parking

have been completed. The works of lift, escalator and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.

- **Ghataprabha station:** The works of platform surfacing, platform shelter, circulating area, lift, escalator and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Hosapete station:** The works of improvement of station building, platform shelter, improvement of waiting hall and coach indication board at platform no. 1 have been completed. The works of platform surfacing, coach indication board at platform no. 2/3, lift, escalator and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Ranibennur station:** The works of improvement of station building, entrance porch, platform shelter, platform surfacing, waiting hall, toilet, circulating area, parking and entry arch have been completed. The works of lift, escalator and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.

Maharashtra:

- **Diva station:** The works of improvement of station building, circulating area and parking on East side, new entry gate, platform raising and flooring of platform no. 5/6 and 7/8, platform shelter at platform no. 7/8, new toilet block, sewage treatment plant on West side, improvement of Foot Over Bridge at Kalyan end and Mumbai end have been completed. The work of new 6 m Foot Over Bridge has been taken up.
- **Mumbra station:** The works for improvement of platform surface, seating arrangement, new toilet block, improvement of booking office, circulating area, sewage treatment plant and flooring of Foot Over Bridge have been completed. The work of escalator has been taken up.
- **Palghar station:** The works of new platform shelter at platform no. 2/3, platform surfacing, new coping blocks and tactile tile work at platform no. 4 have been completed. The works of utility shifting and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Titwala station:** The works for station building, entrance gate, platform surfacing, improvement of ticket booking office, toilet block, sewage treatment plant and improvement of two wheeler parking and approach road on East and West side have been completed. The work of new 6 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Vikhroli station:** The works for improvement of station building on West side, platform surfacing, platform shelter, new toilet block at Mumbai end, improvement of toilet block at Kalyan end and Foot Over Bridge have been completed. The works of new booking office, circulating area on East and West side and parking of East side have been taken up.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

Development / upgradation / modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise, or station-wise or state-wise.

Goa is covered under the jurisdiction of South Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 572 crore has been made for the financial year 2025–26, out of which an expenditure (up to February, 2026) of ₹ 538 crore has been incurred so far.

Karnataka is covered under the jurisdiction of four railway zones, namely Central Railway, Southern Railway, South Central Railway and South Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 3,898 crore has been made for the financial year 2025–26, out of which an expenditure (up to February, 2026) of ₹ 3,904 crore has been incurred so far.

Maharashtra is covered under the jurisdiction of four railway zones, namely Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway and Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 3,834 crore has been made for the financial year 2025–26, out of which an expenditure (up to February, 2026) of ₹ 3,886 crore has been incurred so far.

To improve connectivity in Konkan region, following works/surveys have been taken up:

SN	Projects	Status
1	Jokkattte-Thokur Doubling (2 km)	Commissioned
2	Hosapete-Hubballi-Londa-Vasco-Da-Gama Doubling (312 km)	261 km Commissioned and work taken up on balance section
3	Panvel-Roha Doubling (75 km)	Commissioned
4	Chandargaon-Cansauliam Doubling (18 km)	Survey Completed
5	Hubballi-Ankola Doubling (163 km)	DPR Prepared

After preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines depend upon appraisals and approvals by various stakeholders.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and remunerativeness of the proposed route
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project
- Connection of missing links and providing additional route
- Augmentation of congested/saturated lines
- Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,
- Railway's operational requirements
- Socio-economic considerations
- Overall availability of funds
